

A Guide for Proportional Giving

Seek a level of giving that avoids the guilt of giving too little and the anxiety of giving too much. Find the level of giving that is joyful expression of your faith. Find the level of giving that helps you know you are a generous person, not a greedy one, a giver and not a taker, the steward of your resources rather than its slave. Seek to grow in God's grace, and then reflect that growth in your stewardship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYMPATHY

Our sympathies extend to the family and loved ones of Richard Lewis Hodges, who died on Thursday, October 8. We hold in prayer his daughters Carolyn Hodges-Simeon and Elizabeth Larson and their families. A memorial service in celebration of Dick's life and Christian witness will be held on Wednesday, October 14 at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary and via live stream. A reception will follow in Kirk Hall.

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Joe Miller and Jackie Archer on the birth of their grandson, Elliott Lewis Miller, born on Monday, October 5 to parents Meg Miller and Kai Schnier.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Today is Commitment Sunday. Commitment cards have been mailed, placed in the pew racks, and can be requested from an usher. Additionally, you may call or email Church Administrator, Nathan Anderson (540-343-3659; admin@spres.org), to communicate your financial commitment.

MEN’S RETREAT 2026 | OCT. 23–24 | EAGLE EYRIE CONFERENCE CENTER: Today’s culture seems to be all about maxxng. Social influencers tell us to be all about “looksmaxxing.” Our politicians seem to be more and more interested in “vicemaxxing.” All the while, the rest of us just experience more and more “sadmaxxing” as loneliness increases and happiness decreases. This fall, the men of 2PC will gather to confront these challenges by “virtuesmaxxing” at Eagle Eyrie on October 23 and 24. Carter Brothers will lead the charge while looking at the Christian virtues highlighted in Tolkien’s *The Lord of the Rings* and how his story about wizards, hobbits, and elves (oh my!) can teach us how to be more fully human in the 21st Century. We will worship together, feast together, laugh together and, of course, fellowship together! LAST CALL FOR REGISTRATIONS! **Register by THIS WEDNESDAY, Oct. 14.**



TRUNK OR TREAT | SUNDAY, OCT. 25 | 4:00–6:00 P.M. | MOUNTAIN AVE PARKING LOT: Join our neighbors, preschool families, mission partners, and local schools for a SPOOKtacular evening full of fun, sweet treats, and wonderful fellowship! Our youth will create games for kids of all ages, while church members deck out their trunks and hand out candy. The Second Pres Preschool even sponsors the Bounce House! This church-wide, neighborhood, and community celebration is a fun way to connect with one another while sharing our commitment to mission, outreach, and building meaningful relationships. *Want to join the fun? We’d love your help! You can donate candy or use the QR Code to sign up & decorate your trunk.*



THE WEEK AHEAD

Today, October 11
Commitment Sunday
8:45am: Worship Service with Communion, Sanctuary
9:30am: Worship Service, Sanctuary
9:45am: Handbell Rehearsal, Handbell Room
9:45am: Sunday School
11:00am: Worship Service with Baptism of Caroline Koes, Sanctuary & Live Stream
12:00pm: Confirmand Mentor Lunch, Fellowship Hall
5:00pm: Kids' Fellowship

Monday, October 12
5:30pm: Service and Outreach Committee Meeting, Zoom and Session Room
6:30pm: Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library
6:30pm: Cub Scouts, Cafe
6:45pm: Scouts

Tuesday, October 13
9:30am: Staff Meeting
4:00pm: Congregational Life Meeting, Zoom

Wednesday, October 14
11:00am: Memorial Service for Dick Hodges, Sanctuary/ Live Stream, Reception to follow in Kirk Hall
12:00pm: Bible in Black & White Class, Fellowship Hall
12:00pm: Bulletin Article Deadline
12:00pm: Second Sheet Article Deadline
5:00pm: Green Team, Zoom/Trent Classroom
5:15pm: Worship & Music Committee, Zoom and Session Room

Thursday, October 15
7:15am: Men's Bible Study, Reading Room/Zoom
9:30am: Knitting Group, Hospitality Room
10:30am: Women's Bible Study, Session Room

Friday, October 16

Saturday, October 17

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Sunday Morning Worship
Early and Late Services
October 11, 2026

We Are NEEDED

PASTORAL STAFF
Dr. George C. Anderson, Senior Pastor
The Rev. Elizabeth N.H. Link, Executive Pastor
The Rev. Benjamin S. Brannan, Associate Pastor for Youth and Young Adults

Large-print copies of services may be requested from an usher.

MEMBERS OF THE SESSION OF SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		
Elders - Class of 2026 Mary Airheart Margaret Ashburn Chasity Fitzpatrick Barry Green Sally I'Anson Drew Kempley Randy Rhea Ken Sizemore	Elders - Class of 2027 Mia Copeland Rebekah Gunn Beth Vaught Jenkins John Jessee Patty Lemon Jim Pickens Dave Speno Maria Ward	Elders - Class of 2028 Amanda Copeland Suzanne Fischer Dan Hodges Carol Moneymaker C.J. Swanson Stephen Waskey Kevin Young

OCTOBER 11, 2026		
WORSHIP AT 8:45 & 11 A.M. 11 A.M. IN PERSON & ONLINE		
TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / COMMITMENT SUNDAY ¹		
Gathering Music	<i>Come. Christians, Join to Sing!</i>	Eugene Englert
Welcome and Announcements		
Prelude	<i>Come, All Christians, Be Committed</i>	arr. Dennis R. Johnson
*Call to Worship We gather as people who have received good news— Good news too good to keep to ourselves. God has called us together as a community of faith, And God sends us beyond ourselves in faith, hope, and love. What begins among us can reach farther than we imagine. May the word of the Lord sound forth from us. May our faith be more than words we speak. May it be seen in the lives we live. May our love be more than something we feel. May it be something we give. Come, let us worship the God whose grace moves among us and through us. We come with grateful hearts, ready to worship and ready to be sent.		
Hymn/Anthem	<i>Holy! Holy! Holy!</i> (See insert for lyrics.)	John B. Dykes, arr. K. Lee Scott
Call to Confession Prayer of Confession Holy One, you have given us a faith meant to be lived and a love meant to be shared. Forgive us when we measure our lives by what we keep rather than what we give. Forgive us when we forget that your blessings are meant to be shared. Give us a faith that will not sit still, a love that will not turn inward, and a hope that cannot help but be shared. <i>Speak to us in the language of grace.</i> Assurance of Pardon		
*Hymn of Response No. 581	<i>Gloria Patri</i>	
(8:45) *Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed		
I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.		

Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer <i>Glory to God</i> , p. 35 (using debts, debtors)		
Hymn/Anthem	<i>Festival Hymn to Joy</i> (See insert for lyrics.)	L.V. Beethoven, arr. Eugene Butler
Prayer for Illumination		
(11:00 A.M.) Sacrament of Baptism - Caroline Gray Koes		
Presiding Elder: Joe Miller		
*Hymn of Preparation No. 487 <i>These Treasured Children</i> (v.1)		
*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed <i>Glory to God</i> , p. 35		
<i>Children, Worship, & Wonder participants (Pre-K–1st grade) excused after the baptism.</i>		
Scripture Reading	I Thessalonians 1:2-10	New Testament p. 958
The Word of the Lord.		
Thanks be to God!		
Sermon	<i>Faith That Won't Sit Still</i>	Dr. George C. Anderson
A Moment for Reflection		
Call to Discipleship Offering^{2**} Offertory <i>Prayer of Thanksgiving</i> Ritual of Friendship <i>(Please sign the Friendship Pad, pass it along to others in your pew, then return it to center.)</i> *Doxology (Hymn No. 606) *Prayer of Dedication		
*Closing Hymn and Procession of Joyful Stewards		
(Tune No. 475) <i>We Are Needed</i>		
(See insert for lyrics.)		
*Charge and Benediction		
Postlude		
<i>A Mighty Fortress</i>		
Wilbur Held		

BULLETIN NOTES	
¹ ON COMMITMENT SUNDAY individuals in the Second Presbyterian Church community make financial promises to the work and witness of the church in the coming year. In the Presbyterian tradition, the pledge (a financial promise) is a celebration of the privilege of the commitment of our lives in a response of gratitude for God’s grace. Pledges are placed in a “Blessing Box” on which is inscribed a symbol portraying God’s grace and our response. During the last hymn and Procession of Joyful Stewards, the Blessing Box is carried to the front of the church. Those members and supporters of the work and witness of the church who are prepared to make their financial pledge then follow to place that pledge in the box as an act of joyful commitment. The individuals who carry the box forward are trustees of the church, symbolizing the responsibility of the church in being good stewards of those funds in support of the ministry of Christ’s church. The trustees of Second Presbyterian are Ron Ayers, Lauren Ellerman, and Stephen Lemon. ² THE OUTREACH OFFERING for October will support the <i>PCC Food Pantry</i>. This year, we celebrate 59 years of partnership between Presbyterian Community Center (PCC) and Second Presbyterian Church! As PCC approaches its 60th anniversary, their new building is bringing a long-held vision to life. Pathways enrollment has grown by more than 20%, while the food pantry is experiencing unprecedented need from families across our community. Thank you, members of Second Presbyterian, for 59 years of volunteers, financial support, leadership, and prayers. This October, PCC is grateful for our continued partnership and commitment to helping meet the growing needs of our neighbors through this month’s Outreach Offering. As of Thursday, October 8, \$2,854 has been collected. <i>Undesignated cash gifts are given to the Outreaching Offering. If you would like your gift to benefit the church, please designate “Second Presbyterian.”</i> Monthly Food Collection for PCC: Food items for the month of October are holiday foods (stuffing, instant mashed potatoes, gravy, yams, cranberry sauce). Pull top cans preferred. A donation bin is in the coat closet (please check the expiration date before donating). <tr><td> THIS SUNDAY Baptism: During the 11 o'clock service this morning, May and Alex Koes will present their daughter, Caroline Gray Koes, for the Sacrament of Baptism. The presiding elder will be Joe Miller. Music: We sincerely thank the Chancel Choir which performs at both services this morning. We also extend our deep appreciation to John Frank and his team, who provide breakfast for the musicians: Ann Bickley, Todd Clevenger, Mia Copeland, Luann Fitzpatrick, Nancy Henry, and Nancy and Clint Hopkins. Flowers: The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Rosemary Francis in loving memory and celebration of her life together with her late husband, John R. Francis. <i>Arranged by Rosemary Francis.</i> Ushers: (8:45) David Speno (Head), Daniel Hodges, Kipper Nottingham, Rich Raymond. (11:00) Sally I'Anson (Head), Lawrence I'Anson, Ryan I'Anson, Ainsley Revercomb. Greeters: Clint and Nancy Hopkins. AV Technicians: (8:45) Kirk Treubert. (11:00) Darin Pearson, Doug Settles. Children, Worship & Wonder: "The Good Shepherd." Greeter, Maria Blackshaw. Storyteller, Sarah Wilson. Program Coordinator, Lisa Miller. </td></tr>	THIS SUNDAY Baptism: During the 11 o'clock service this morning, May and Alex Koes will present their daughter, Caroline Gray Koes, for the Sacrament of Baptism. The presiding elder will be Joe Miller. Music: We sincerely thank the Chancel Choir which performs at both services this morning. We also extend our deep appreciation to John Frank and his team, who provide breakfast for the musicians: Ann Bickley, Todd Clevenger, Mia Copeland, Luann Fitzpatrick, Nancy Henry, and Nancy and Clint Hopkins. Flowers: The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Rosemary Francis in loving memory and celebration of her life together with her late husband, John R. Francis. <i>Arranged by Rosemary Francis.</i> Ushers: (8:45) David Speno (Head), Daniel Hodges, Kipper Nottingham, Rich Raymond. (11:00) Sally I'Anson (Head), Lawrence I'Anson, Ryan I'Anson, Ainsley Revercomb. Greeters: Clint and Nancy Hopkins. AV Technicians: (8:45) Kirk Treubert. (11:00) Darin Pearson, Doug Settles. Children, Worship & Wonder: "The Good Shepherd." Greeter, Maria Blackshaw. Storyteller, Sarah Wilson. Program Coordinator, Lisa Miller.
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I have already communicated my financial commitment.

Part of my worship is giving back to God—with joy and gratitude—from all that I have received. I have communicated my financial support of this church and its ministry, and I place this slip in the Blessing Box as a tangible way of participating in this act of worship.

We Are
NEEDED

GAL'S GATHERING 2026 | Nov. 20–21 | ALTA MONS CAMP & RETREAT CENTER: Women of the church are invited to join us for this special overnight event to grow closer to one another and closer to God through study, conversation, crafts, and shared meals. The theme this year is “Advent Waiting,” and our guest speaker is the Rev. Donna Hopkins Britt, Pastor of Buchanan Presbyterian Church. Many of us feel like we are wandering through a kind of wilderness. Yet even in these challenging places, we can prepare the way for the Lord to come to us. Together, we can identify the obstacles that stand in our way and discern how to address them so that the themes of Advent may be more fully seen, experienced, and lived out in our community. Along the way, we will journey through each Gospel, exploring hope through Matthew’s perspective, peace through Mark’s, joy through Luke’s, and love through John’s. **Register by Wednesday, Nov. 11.**



THE BIBLE IN BLACK & WHITE | WEDNESDAYS IN OCTOBER | 12:00 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL:

This October, the Bible in Black & White community will consider Martin Luther King Jr.'s “Letter from Birmingham Jail,” dated April 16, 1963. We will look at the historical context of the letter, its content, its biblical basis, and the impact it made on the nation during the tumultuous Civil Rights era. Together, we will ask what we modern readers need to gain from its reading to continue the pursuit of justice and understanding today. Dates: October 7, 14, 21 & 28.



OPEN FLOWER DATE: Sunday, November 22 is available for anyone who would like to sponsor flowers in the sanctuary. Contact Denise Revercomb to see if the date is still open (540-588-5111; revercomb@cox.net).

JAIL MINISTRY CHRISTMAS CARD COLLECTION: It's almost that time of year when you start wondering what to do with those unused Christmas cards you had left over from the last couple of years. The Service and Outreach Committee has a solution for you! Bring them to the coat closet off Kirk Hall and drop them in the Jail Ministry Christmas Card Collection Box, which will be there through the holidays. Not only will you get rid of those pesky cards that are taking up space, but you will be making it possible for inmates in the Western Virginia Regional Jail to have cards to send to their loved ones this Christmas. In addition, the Service and Outreach Committee will donate stamps to help defray the cost of postage.

ORGAN RECITAL: Andrew Phillips, organist, will present a recital at First Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Roanoke. Some of you may remember that Andrew was our substitute organist back in May. Featured composers will be Bach, Buxtehude, Manz, and others. Date: Sunday, October 25. Time: 3:00 p.m. Admission: Free. Location: 2101 Jefferson Street, SW; office@fepcroanoke.org,



PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT AND HIRING: The preschool has a few spots open in the Threes class for the 2026–27 school year. Additionally, the preschool is looking to hire after care staff for a couple of afternoons each week, 12:30–5:30 p.m. Please email Preschool Director Alice Light (alight@spres.org) to learn more or enroll.

PRESCHOOL SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 18: All Preschool Families are invited to this special worship service, and we hope to see a strong turnout of support from our congregation! We'll gather in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m. for a special reception including a Hallelujah Mountain story time with Pastor Elizabeth Link. Preschool children in the Threes and PreK classes will perform during the 11:00 a.m. service. Following their performance, Mrs. Lori will then take children upstairs to participate in our “Children Worship and Wonder” program. Nursery care is provided for younger siblings. It is sure to be a special morning; we hope you'll join us!

Lyric Insert

Hymn/Anthem *Holy! Holy! Holy!*
John B. Dykes, arr. K. Lee Scott

O LORD God Almighty!
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory!

CONGREGATION AND CHOIR
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

MEN OF THE CONGREGATION AND CHOIR
Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Which were, and art, and evermore shalt be.

CHOIR
Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see;
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

CONGREGATION AND CHOIR
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty! All thy works shall
praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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Hymn/Anthem *Festival Hymn to Joy*
L.V. Beethoven, arr. Eugene Butler

CONGREGATION AND CHOIR
Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of Glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the doubt of sin away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

CHOIR (2 VERSES)

CONGREGATION AND CHOIR
Mortals, join the happy chorus
which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us,
Joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of Life.

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*Closing Hymn

We Are Needed

Barry Green /NETTLETON

- 1) God of grace, through generations, you have called your people forth;
Faithful hearts have shared your blessings, bearing witness to their worth.
What we hold was first entrusted, gifts of grace from those before;
Now the work of love continues—ours to cherish, serve, restore.
- 2) Christ, your call still draws us onward, where your grace may yet appear;
Meeting needs, receiving strangers, giving hope where hearts know fear.
We are needed. Call us forward; guide us now to take our place.
Joined as members of one body, may our lives reveal your grace.
- 3) Spirit, breathe through all we offer—time and treasure, heart and hand;
Take our gifts and shape them freely for the purpose you have planned.
As the faithful came before us, may we answer in our day;
Till another generation finds through us your living way.

Our closing hymn uses the familiar tune NETTLETON, used in popular hymns such as “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing.” The lyrics for today’s hymn, “We Are Needed,” were written by Barry Green, Second Presbyterian Church member and musician.

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Tune: NETTLETON (8.7.8.7.D)("Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing")